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AND APPARATUS

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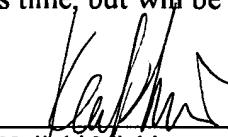
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of inventor(s) JOHN NGUYEN, ARTHUR HILL and LAURENT SCHALLER, for "MINIMALLY INVASIVE ANNULOPLASTY PROCEDURE AND APPARATUS." Enclosed are:

1. Fifteen (15) pages of the specification, including eighteen (18) claims and an abstract.
2. Seven (7) sheets of drawings.

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